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10/06/97 62 FR 52098-52100

Title: Performance Based Measurement System
Action: Notice of intent
Comment: EPA plans to implement a Performance Based Measurement System (PBMS) for environmental monitoring in all of its media programs to the extent feasible. Where PBMS is implemented, the regulated community would be able to select any appropriate analytical test method for use in complying with EPA regulations. It is anticipated that amendments will be proposed to regulations as needed to incorporate PBMS into regulatory programs.

10/07/97 62 FR 52334-52337

Title: Project XL Final Project Agreement
Action: Notice of final project agreement with HADCO Corporation and response to public comment
Comment: EPA announces the signing of its Final Project Agreement (FPA) with HADCO Corporation under EPA's Project XL program. EPA is also responding to public comments received on the draft FPA. This XL project concerns the classification under RCRA Subtitle C of wastewater treatment (WWT) sludge generated from printed wire board manufacturing facilities. The project seeks to test whether (1) classifying the WWT sludge generated by HADCO as an F006 waste pursuant to Subtitle C is not necessary to protect human health and the environment, (2) the sludge can be safely reclaimed without all the strict regulatory controls imposed by RCRA Subtitle C, and (3) a conditional delisting or solid waste variance will yield substantial economic and environmental benefits.

10/8/97 62 FR 52622-52638

Title: Project XL Site-specific Rulemaking for Merck & Co., Inc. Stonewall Plant
Action: Final rule
Comment: EPA announces the implementation of a project under the Project XL program for the Merck & Co., Inc. (Merck) Stonewall Plant in Elkton, Virginia. Additionally, EPA is promulgating a site-specific rule, applicable only to the Stonewall plant, to facilitate implementation of the project. This site-specific rule provides changes under the Clean Air Act and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act to implement Merck's XL project. The changes will result in superior environmental performance while providing Merck with greater operational flexibility.

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10/22/97 62 FR 54847-54848

Title: Public Meetings on the Toxics Release Inventory Reporting Form
Action: Notice of public meetings
Comment: EPA announces that it will hold approximately nine public meetings over the next year to solicit comments relating to the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) reporting form, Form R. Comments will be sought from stakeholders on ways to improve the type of right-to-know information available to communities and to help streamline reporting requirements. One area relating to RCRA, which EPA is seeking comments on, is in section 5 where issues have been raised regarding the definition of “release”, particularly with respect to Class I underground injection wells and RCRA Subtitle C landfills.

10/24/97 62 FR 55344-55348

Title: Hazardous Waste Management System; Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste; Final Exclusion
Action: Final rule
Affected: 40 CFR Part 261
Effective: October 24, 1997
Comment: EPA is granting a petition submitted by General Motors (GM) Corporation to exclude (or “delist”) certain solid wastes from the lists of hazardous wastes contained in subpart D of part 261. EPA concludes that the petitioned waste is not hazardous when disposed of in a Subtitle D landfill. The exclusion applies only to the wastewater treatment plant sludge generated at GM’s Orion Assembly Center in Lake Orion, Michigan. Although this action excludes the petitioned waste from RCRA hazardous waste regulations when disposed of in a Subtitle D landfill, it imposes testing conditions to ensure that future-generated waste remains qualified for this exclusion.

10/27/97 62 FR 55637-55638

Title: Regulatory Reinvention (XL) Pilot Projects
Action: Notice of signing of OSi project XL final project agreement
Comment: EPA announces the signing of a proposed Project XL Final Project Agreement (FPA) for OSi in Sistersville, West Virginia. The FPA is a voluntary agreement developed collaboratively by OSi, stakeholders, and State and Federal regulators. Under the FPA, OSi will implement several measures to reduce organic air emissions and sludge generation, and will conduct a waste minimization/pollution prevention study expected to result in additional reductions in waste generation. As an incentive for OSi to take these actions, EPA will propose for public comment and promulgate, regulations deferring the facility’s RCRA application for two hazardous waste surface impoundments.

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10/29/97 62 FR 56182-56189

Title: Joint EPA/State Agreement to Pursue Regulatory Innovation
Action: Notice
Comment: EPA solicits public comment on the draft Joint EPA/State Agreement to Pursue Regulatory Innovation. The draft was prepared jointly by the EPA and the Environmental Council of the States to find new, better and more efficient and effective ways to improve environmental protection. The agreement will provide a framework for how EPA and the States will promote and implement future regulatory innovation efforts.

10/29/97 62 FR 58080-58082, 58088-58090, 58133-58141

Title: Semiannual Regulatory Agenda, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
Action: Semiannual regulatory agenda
Comment: The regulatory agenda is a semiannual publication which lists EPA's current and projected regulations, reviews existing regulations and indicates any actions that have been completed or withdrawn since the April 25, 1997 publication. The listed pages are those pages of the Agenda specifically relating to RCRA.